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# Vine Seed Supplement

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CANTALOUPE

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H. Van Buskirk Seed Co.

*Cantaloupe, Watermelon and Vine Seed Specialists*

ROCKY FORD

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# GREETING

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We have thousands of Customers who are especially interested in vine crop seeds and such only. For your benefit we are issuing this Supplement to our larger Catalog.

We own over twelve hundred acres of land and grow a large amount of seed sold by us on our own farms. If this Supplement does not list what you want in the garden seed line, drop us a card and we will send you our larger Catalog.

H. VAN BUSKIRK SEED CO.

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## OUR REFERENCE

Dun, Bradstreet, Produce Reporter Credit Book, commercial agencies or any bank.

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## IMPORTANT

To All Home Gardeners, Market Gardeners, Cantaloupe, Watermelon and Cucumber Growers:

if you will select from our Catalog the seeds you want and send us the order, we will set aside your order out of our choice selection of seeds, and you are not compelled to pay for them until you order them shipped. In this way you have first pick, and will get the best seeds that time, money, patience and trouble can obtain.

Market Gardeners, Farmers' Unions, Farmers' Associations, Melon Associations, Cantaloupe Associations, Shipping Associations, etc., should write to H. Van Buskirk Seed Co., telling the number of pounds of seeds wanted and get our special prices. These special prices will make all sit up and take notice.

# H. Van Buskirk Seed Co.'s Vine Seed Supplement



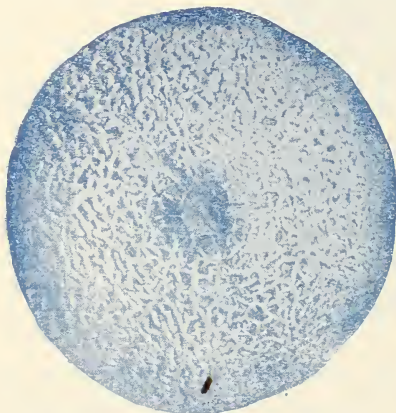
H. VAN BUSKIRK, Originator of Famous Netted Rock Cantaloupes

## EIGHT MONEY-MAKING POINTS OF OUR CANTALOUPE

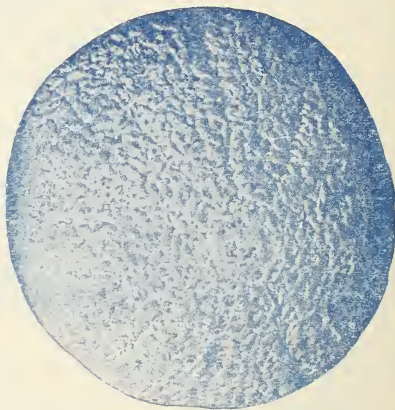
- Prolific Yielding.
- Early Maturing.
- Rust-Resisting Tendency.
- Form, Size and Thickness of Flesh Ideal.
- Epicurean Qualities, Sweet and Juicy.
- Cavity Small, Well Filled.
- Texture Smooth and Firm.
- Netting Light Grey, Heavy, Completely Covering Cantaloupe.

## ORIGIN OF NETTED ROCKS

In the year 1899, we were shipping cantaloupes to the eastern and western markets. When our returns came, we found them very small, in fact, hardly paid for picking and crating. Upon making inquiries from the commission houses as to the cause of the extremely low prices the Rocky Ford melons were bringing, we were told they were too soft when they reached the markets, and the sugar content was low. We at once began to study the cantaloupe and started to correct these faults. We also began selecting the best netted, thickest meated, and best shaped melons we could find from which to select our seed. We went into several of our friends' fields and got melons to cut for seed for our own growing. From these seeds, we noticed, the next season, a vast improvement in our cantaloupes. The coming fall, we selected our seed with great care, again using only the best netted, best shaped, and the thickest fleshed, and only standard-sized melons. These seeds were planted the next spring. We could see an even greater improvement that year. The neighbors began to ask for seed from us. That fall, we heard of a melon grown in Japan that was sweeter than the ones we were growing. We sent for some of these seed, as the sweetness was what we wanted. The following January, we received from Japan a small package of seed. These seed produced melons too sweet to be the most relish-



Stem End



Blossom End

ing. They were a very small melon and completely covered with a coarse netting. We grew them in the center of a ten-acre field, and that fall, cut our seed from rows next to them. In this way, we got the sugar, the solid net, and the thick skins on our new cantaloupes. The next season there was such a change, they were so much better, that we at once named them the Van Buskirk Netted Rocks. We make the claim, without fear of successful contradiction, that we have the best shipping, the best netted, the thickest meated, the sweetest, the earliest, and the most prolific cantaloupe ever grown in America. The thick skin, thick flesh, solid net, all tend to make them a good shipper. The thick meat makes the small seed cavity. These essen-

tials make them the premier shipper. They do not need to be wrapped in paper, as some do. They are protected in themselves. It took us several years to get the growers in the United States to understand and to know what a Van Buskirk Netted Rock is and what it looks like, but when they saw them, ate them, gave them a trial on their own soil, they included our seeds in their orders to the exclusion of others. At the present time, the Netted Rock is being grown in all of the cantaloupe growing sections of the United States and foreign countries. Year by year, the demand for Van Buskirk's Netted Rock seeds is growing. We have grown seeds in an enormously increasing proportion ever since our improvement began, and we are looking orders for seeds accordingly.

### ITS EARLY FEATURES

For years we have been working to get the earliest cantaloupe, and we must confess it was a difficult matter to accomplish this with Van Buskirk's Netted Rocks. A melon that carries the thickness of flesh, the solid netting, and the standard size as does the Netted Rock, requires more time to develop than does a thin meated, lightly netted, and mushy cantaloupe, such as many of the Rocky Fords are. By several years of close attention to saving the seeds from the first ripe ones, we succeeded in getting an early, well developed, and well finished melon that is not beaten by any, both for time of ripening and for quality. Every grower knows the early melon brings the big money. From now on, you can rely upon Van Buskirk's Netted Rock being as early as the earliest, as sweet as the sweetest, and as firm as the firmest, regardless of where grown.

### RUST AND BLIGHT RESISTING FEATURES

The success of the cantaloupe industry rests wholly upon the production of a vine that is rust and blight proof. There are many varieties of melons grown in Rocky Ford, but they are not all rust resistant. It has been the work of many to try to overcome the rust and blight evil. This work has cost many thousand dollars. Both individuals and the government have tried their hands. For sixteen years, we have been working on the rust-proof cantaloupe. Our customers know of our success. Our competitors confess it. For the first three years, it looked as if we had an endless task. The fourth year, we noticed a gain. Our vines did not rust so early in the season as did our neighbors'. The fifth year, the rust barely struck us at the close of the season. For the last eleven years, our vines have been absolutely rust and blight free. This is a matter of great importance to our growers, for many a grower who has his patch up to the time of picking, in splendid condition, knows that in forty-eight hours, rust and blight might be the harvesters. If you do not select the proper seed, your crop may be harvested in the same way. Seed cut from rust-free melons are worth fifty times the price of seed taken from melons injured by rust. What does a dollar a pound on your seed amount to when you consider the results? Let us see. One pound will plant an acre of melons. From that acre, you can sell two hundred crates of melons at one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents each. If you use seed from rust-killed vines, you may get a few melons which must be disposed of at a poor market price, or possibly no price at all. You would be out the use of your land, your

time, and your work. In the one case you have two to three hundred dollars in your pocket, while in the other, you would have the sad experience, and bills coming due with nothing to meet them. What caused the difference? It was all because you did not see fit to pay the difference per pound on your seeds. This is too easily seen to be questioned, for many have experienced the same thing. To satisfy ourselves of the rust and blight-proof qualities of our Netted Rock, we have visited our fields in heavy rainy seasons, and by actual comparison, have shown that our melons stand the test when others fail. Many persons are mistaken about the idea of the cause of rust. It is caused by rain. Such seasons as recent ones, with heavy and continuous rains, are paralyzing to the cantaloupe grower whose crop was devastated by rust and blight. Plant only seed from rust and blight-free melons, saved exclusively for seed by us.

### SHIPPING QUALITIES OF THE NETTED ROCK

This is an important subject and requires careful and continued study. The man who succeeds is the man from whom to buy your seeds. Mr. Customer, ask our many friends both as growers and wholesale dealers how our melons will ship. The Chicago, Cincinnati, New York, Pittsburg and Boston commission houses are all anxious to handle them for the reason they stand shipping and reach them firm and sweet. When you plant Van Buskirk's Netted Rock seed,



Some Netted Rock King Seed Enroute to Depot. Scene Not Uncommon After Our Seed Harvest.

you will have the same market with the same happy returns. Please remember that in crating, your waste pile of melons is not larger than your pile of full crates. Also remember you do not need melons all the way from the size of an apple to the size of an extra large cantaloupe, to fill in odd places so they will fit closely for shipping. Our seeds produce a uniformly standard sized melon. This puts your crate to the market to an advantage over your competitors. It makes a

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Cheap seeds—Cheap crops—Make sad homes.

product of which you are well proud. If time of craters is worth anything, this is an important item. Van Buskirk's Netted Rock seeds produce such melons that the waste in handling odd-sized ones is saved and a crate of uniform, standard sized Netted Rocks is soon picked up. On the basis of several hundred crates per day being shipped, this one time-saving point alone, counts for much. We have mentioned such characteristics as a heavy net, firm, thick flesh, and small seed cavity, all of which make a superior shipper.

### SHIPPED UNDER SEAL AND WITH GUARANTEE OF PEDIGEEED SEEDS

For a man who is in the business of growing melons for the market, the history of the seeds matters little so far as his individual work is concerned. What he wants is results on the market, but how can he get these results unless he has seeds that have the proper breeding, development, and selection back of them? The same is infallibly true here that is true in animal breeding. Our success in breeding these seeds means your success in growing a good crop, harvesting a superior melon, and supplying the best market which means the best returns to you, Mr. Grower. Without the proper breeding and selection, these accomplishments are impossible. Our purpose is and has been for twelve years, to develop seeds equal to any and superior to many. We have accomplished this, as is told by our results. We have established a standard of perfection. A trial given our seeds once, means continued use of them. We will ship out all seeds that go by express, under seal. We guarantee the breeding of these seeds, which you will find placed inside in a plain, business-like form. If you do not find the guarantee within, or if you find the seal broken, do not plant them. We all know there are unscrupulous dealers. The envious position in the seed world that is held by Van Buskirk's Netted Rocks might call out such wrong doing as breaking the seal and replacing our seeds with others. Do not believe every one dishonest until he proves himself honest, but play safe for yourself. Accept no seeds when received by express unless sealed with the seal of the Van Buskirk Seed Company.

**VAN BUSKIRK'S NETTED ROCK**—This cantaloupe is our own production. We were fifteen years working up to its present state of perfection and we make the claim without fear of truthful contradiction that it is today the best long distance shipper in America. Thoroughly covered all over with a fine, pearly gray netting, having an extra thick skin, which answers the same purpose on it that the paper wrapper does to the orange or the lemon; flesh a beautiful green; sweet crisp and juicy to the rind; seed cavity very small; by sugar test the sweetest cantaloupe ever grown; very prolific bearer and vines free from rust or blight. For general appearance see cut. Seeds No. 1, oz., 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c; lb., \$1.50; No. 2, oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 35c; lb., \$1.00.

**VAN BUSKIRK'S NETTED ROCK KING**—This melon is the prince of them all; fifteen years' hard work and selecting of seeds has made it the perfection of all cantaloupes; the sweetest melon in cultivation, the result of careful hybridizing and painstaking selection

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You must tend the patch before you can cut the Melons.

and breeding. Absolutely the sweetest and most luscious green fleshed cantaloupe grown on the American continent. It is of that desirable size in demand on all markets; heavy in proportion to size because the flesh is so thick and the seed cavity so small; distinctly covered all over with that fine gray netting, thick skin, hard, firm flesh, which makes it the best long distance shipper yet produced. The flesh is an attractive green of exquisite texture, sugary, juicy, crisp, tender and entirely free from any stringiness and has a delightfully aromatic flavor. The vines are of a luxuriant and vigorous growth, yielding bountifully through the entire season. This melon is the extracted honey from the honey comb. Oz., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c; lb., \$2.00.

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### WHY ARE VAN BUSKIRK'S NETTED ROCKS THE BEST SHIPPERS?

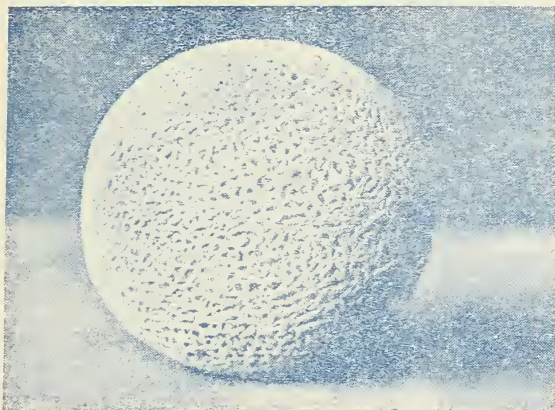
It has a thicker, tougher skin than any other 'loupe grown; it has the thickest, heaviest coat of netting of any cantaloupe grown, and it has the smallest seed cavity of any cantaloupe grown. These essential things make up its category of qualities, and they are one and all very important points, for every one of them tends to keep



the air from the heart of the melon, acting the same as the paper wrapper does on the peach or pear when you prepare it for a long distance shipment. The shipping qualities of a cantaloupe is one of the essential things the grower must look to, for the condition of the melon when it arrives on the market is the first thing the buyer will look at.

### THE SALMON TINT OR PINK MEAT NETTED ROCK KING—

The ordinary Rocky Ford cantaloupe is naturally a green meated melon. The time was not long ago when the salmon tint was looked upon as a stray or mixture. Yet there were those who rather liked the flavor of this so-called "off-colored" melon.



The idea of seed selection was happily taken up by us some years ago. At first, the product did not run very uniform as to color. They were part salmon, part green, or all salmon or all green. Some-



times they were mottled. But as in all other kinds of plant improvement, careful selection of seeds overcome these irregularities.

Now a finely flavored, beautifully and artistically colored melon

is not only a possibility, but a common produce if you know where to secure reliable seed. We handle that kind exclusively.

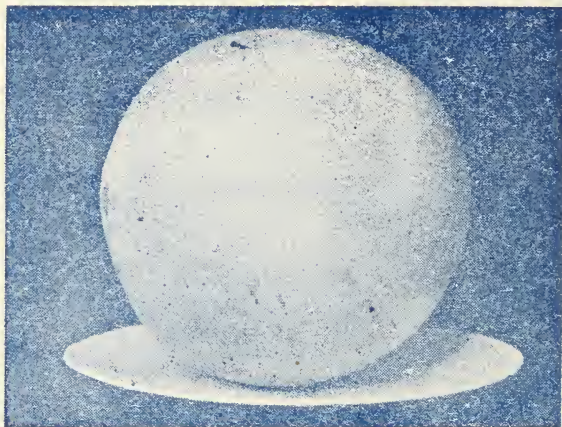
At one time, a 20% salmon tint yield was wonderful. Now we can tell you we have reached the point where we can truthfully say our seeds produce not 20, but 80%, of uniformly colored salmon meat. One trial will be convincing.

You may say "Why bother to change the color of an already good melon?" We may answer by asking you why factories turn out various colors of silk. They do it to suit the eye of various customers. Then why not try some of our salmon tint melons to suit not only the eye, but the palate of your customers?

These melons make a fine showing on a snow-white plate. They always attract the eye. The great James J. Hill was once asked this question by an ambitious young man: "Mr. Hill, how may I become rich?" He replied: "Do something that no one else is doing, and do it better every day." Here is your opportunity. Produce a finer salmon tint melon than anyone else is producing. Both the fine quality and improvement from year to year can be gotten by using Van Buskirk's Salmon Tint seeds. Oz., 25c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 50c; lb., \$2.00.

**Express or Parcel Post Prepaid.**

### HONEY DEW MELON



One of the finest; a hybrid from soft shell Casaba and Rocky Ford cantaloupe: Rind smooth, when fully ripe, cream, waxy color in texture similar to ripe banana peeling; weighs from 5 to 8 pounds; flesh pea green, sweet and delicious like a good cantaloupe. Matures about ten days after cantaloupes. Is shipped to markets from Imperial Valley, California, about June. In Colorado, after frost, this sort is bunched, covered with straw, stored in cool cellar or warehouse, in crates, and sold at fancy prices about Thanksgiving, and later.

1-4 lb., 50c; 1-2 lb., \$1.00; lb., \$2.00.

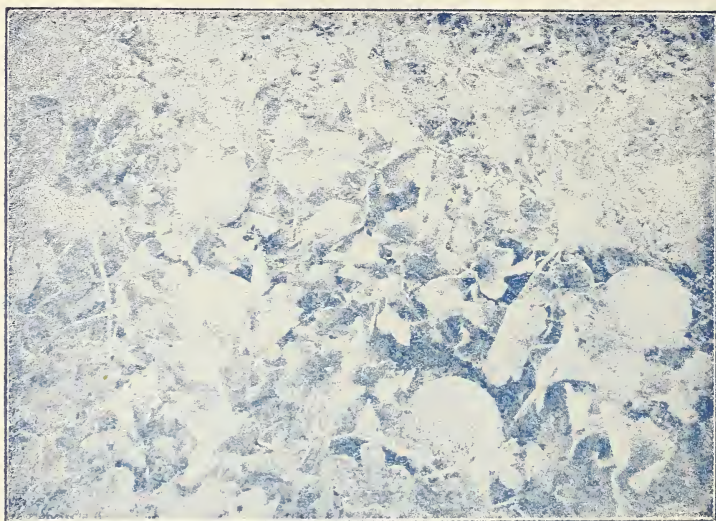
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Van Buskirk's Strawberry Comfort Cantaloupe, the Wonder  
of the 20th Century

**STRAWBERRY OR WINTER COMFORT CANTALOUPE**—A superior new, green-fleshed, good shipping melon of a splendid flavor, resembling a fresh strawberry; sweet and very aromatic when ripe; rind thin, but very hard and tough; flesh exceptionally deep, sweet and brittle. Fruits average six inches long and five inches deep; the finest thing grown for winter use. Plant them the middle of June, and place them in the cellar just before freezing time comes. Along about Thanksgiving or Christmas time, when you notice them getting a little yellow and very fragrant, take them to market or to your own table. Once you eat some of them you will not be hunting for a market; they are so good you will want them all for your own use. In case you care to hurry them to ripen, place them in the basement by the furnace, or in the kitchen by the range; in three or four days they will be ready for the table. You can ship them in crates from ocean to ocean without icing. Try one ounce of these seeds. Next year you will want a pound of them. Everyone likes and wants them for Thanksgiving or Christmas time. Oz., 30c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., \$1.00; lb., \$3.00.

**BURRELL'S GEM**—Very much like the Ferry's Defender or Osage. A superior orange fleshed shipping melon of splendid flavor; sweet and aromatic; oblong shape, closely netted and slightly ribbed, dark green skin, thin but very tough; flesh a deep salmon orange color. Very fine for marketing and home use. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c; lb., 75c.



How Van Buskirk's "Netted Rocks" Look Growing in the Field.

**VAN BUSKIRK'S DELICIOUS CANTALOUPE AND MUSK-MELONS**—My seed are grown under irrigation and are the finest that can be produced.

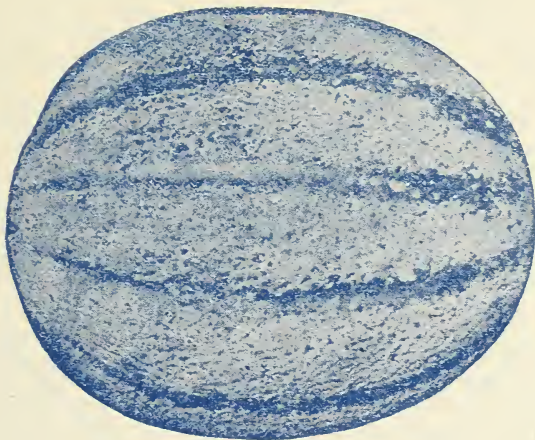
**PAUL ROSE**—In this melon we have a cross of the Osage and Netted Gem which combines the sweetness of one with the fine netting of the other; especially adapted to shipping in baskets; a great producer and as early as the Netted Gem. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c; lb., 75c.

**ROCKY FORD OSAGE**—Almost identically the same melon as the Osage, Burrell's Gem, Paul Rose or Ferry's Defender; salmon colored flesh; sweet, crisp and juicy; an excellent shipper; will go from ocean to ocean without icing. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 35c; lb., \$1.00.

**BLINN'S RUST-RESISTING POLLOCK**—The old Pollock has been grown here for years and is a very good melon, and at one time one of the best grown at Rocky Ford. Our seeds are cut from prime standard melons. Price, per pound for the best No. 1 Seeds, \$1.00.

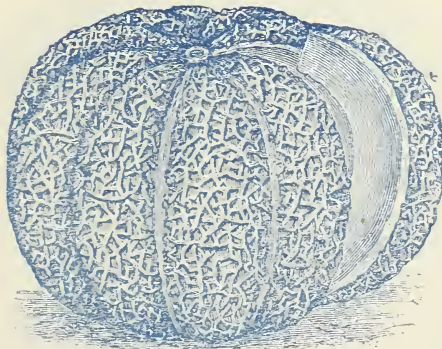
**IMPROVED POLLOCK SALMON-TINT No. 25 CANTALOUPE**—While this cantaloupe some six or eight years ago, was one of the best green flesh varieties, it has been greatly improved and, by hybridizing, so changed that almost 50% of the flesh is of salmon tint. However, as a rule, the green flesh predominates in all salmon-tint cantaloupes of the netted varieties. Per pound, \$1.00.

You must tend the patch before you can eat the Melons.



Osage

**IMPROVED OSAGE OR MILLER'S CREAM**—A favorite salmon fleshed variety. Large oval, slightly ribbed and netted; skin very dark green, flesh very thick and sweet flavored; most delicious to the rind. The whole crop is very even and fruit heavy, owing to the thickness of the flesh. A great favorite for both market purposes and the home. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c; lb., 75c.



Hoodoo Muskmelon

**HOODOO MUSKMELON**—A splendid orange fleshed variety, quite like the Netted Gem; rind very firm, making it a good long distance shipper. The flesh is very thick, highly colored of the finest texture and most delicious flavor. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 35c; lb., \$1.00.

In seeds, the best is the cheapest.

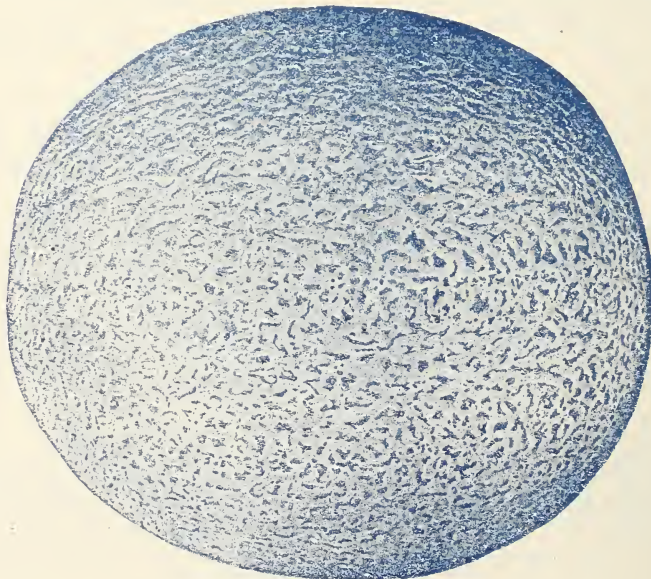


Rocky Ford Cantaloupe

**ROCKY FORD GEM**—An improved Netted Gem melon, with sweet, green flesh; abundant bearer and a good long distance shipper; sweet, crisp and juicy. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c; lb., 75c.

**BURPEE'S NETTED GEM**—This melon very much resembles the Rocky Ford Gem, small and round in shape, firm green flesh, sweet and luscious to the rind. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c; lb., 75c.

**EDEN GEM CANTALOUPE SEEDS**—A word to the wise is sufficient. To all the southern growers that like the Eden Gem Cantaloupe we will say we have this season grown one of the finest fields of Eden Gems that has ever been grown in the state of Colorado.



Eden Gem

Nothing but the very finest of Eden Gems grew in this field, and we did not allow a single crate of the cantaloupes to be shipped from the field. They were selected with great care, making three selections of them. In this way we have the No. 1 seeds at \$1.00 per pound; every seed cut from a fine all-over netted, standard sized cantaloupe; No. 2 seeds at 75 cents, cut from the best ones left that would not pass for No. 1. In this way we have graded our seeds, and when you buy from us you know just what you get. You can rely on our Eden Gem seeds; they will not disappoint you; they are just what we tell you they are, and they were grown in a field that was isolated from other fields. You can pay other seed dealers \$2.00 per pound for Eden Gem seeds and you will not get as good as we can sell for 75c and \$1.00 per pound. Our guarantee goes with these seeds as to purity and genuineness and germinating qualities. Read our guarantee. If you doubt our word or our responsibility to make good, have your banker look us up or get Dun or Bradstreet's reports and see whether or not we are financially responsible. We have been fifteen years in the vine seed industry, and have hundreds of customers that dealt with us fifteen years ago. WHY? Because our seeds are true to name, germinate, grow what we say they will grow and when you plant them you know what the results will be. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 35c.

Early June Gem



**VAN BUSKIRK'S EARLY JUNE GEM, THE EARLIEST OF ALL CANTALOUPE**—This cantaloupe matures ten days earlier than any other variety and is one of the best real early cantaloupes grown on the American continent; sweet, crisp and juicy, containing plenty of epicurean spices to make it one of the most palatable cantaloupes grown. This cantaloupe, in appearance, is a perfect reproduction of the Rocky Ford Gem; green flesh, well netted, running forty-five to the standard crate. To the man wanting the earliest cantaloupe this is what will please him. Price, Oz., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c; 1 lb., \$1.50.

**Express or Parcel Post Prepaid.**

## VAN BUSKIRK'S MUSKALOUPE



Muskaloupe

This new cantaloupe is a cross between the muskmelon and the Rocky Ford cantaloupe. We pronounce this Muskaloupe, by all odds, the sweetest, most delicious, richly flavored, delicate, yet strongly-scented cantaloupe ever eaten. The rich, aromatic flavor, deep golden-salmon colored flesh, solid juicy meat, general beauty and quality of this prince of all melons is simply indescribable, and delicious in the extreme. Price of Van Buskirk's Muskaloupe Seeds: Packet, 10c; oz., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 75c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., \$1.25; 1 lb., \$2.00; 5 lbs., \$8.00.

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**VAN BUSKIRK'S PEAR LOUPE**—The prince of princes and the queen of queens is Van Buskirk's pear loupe. To all lovers of a rich, ripe, sweet, juicy pear this melon will appeal to you and your fastidious taste, for once you taste it you will eat nothing else while they last; a square meal in each melon. We will only sell a limited quantity of the seeds to one person. Once you sell to your customer, he is your customer so long as you have them for sale. Oz., \$1.00; 3 oz., \$2.50; 4 oz., \$3.00.

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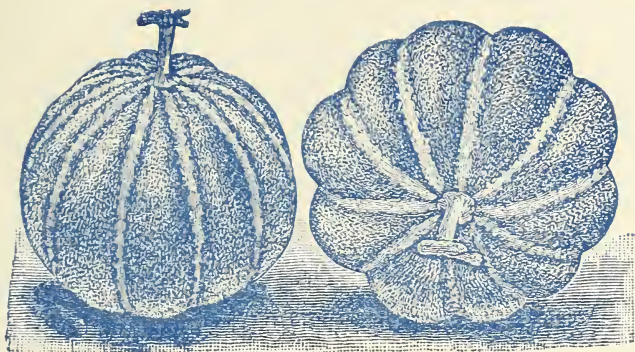
**EARLY WATERS OR EARLY RYAN**—To those who want this class of melon seeds we will be pleased to supply the fancy No. 1 seeds at \$1.00 per pound. We can supply as good seeds of the kind as can be bought from anyone at \$1.00 per pound.

Remember, we grow cantaloupes, watermelons, cucumbers, and other vines for seeds, and for seeds only. We do not ship the "cream" from the field and cut the culls for seeds.

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OTHER GOOD MUSKMELONS THAT VAN BUSKIRK SEED CO.  
GROWS UNDER IRRIGATION



Emerald Gem Muskmelon

Emerald Gem, Tip Top, Bay View, Jenny Lind, Montreal Market, Champion Market, Hackensack, Green Nutmeg, Acme, Long Island Beauty, Banana Perfection, Green Citron, Texas Cannon Ball, New Ford Hook, Maul's Superior, Baltimore, or Acme Grand Rapids. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c; lb., 75c.



Early Hackensack

WATER'S SOLID NET ROCKY FORD—A green fleshed melon almost the exact reproduction of the old Rocky Ford Gem. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c; lb., \$1.00.

## VAN BUSKIRK'S SUPERIOR WATERMELON SEEDS GROWN UNDER IRRIGATION

**VAN BUSKIRK'S SUGAR BOY**—This melon stands today in a class by itself; no man has ever placed on the market a watermelon that contains the amount of sweetness that this melon contains by sugar test. The Sugar Boy has eclipsed them all, being a cross on the Kleckly Sweet. Its appearance is very much like the Kleckly, the rind is a little darker and the flesh more of a rose pink. This melon is so sweet, crisp, brittle and melting on the tongue that many, when eating it, declare the honey bee has been depositing sugar in it. Once you grow them you will never grow any other kind. It is the king of all watermelons for home use and market gardening. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c; lb., \$1.50.

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**JUMBO SUGAR BOY WATERMELON SEEDS**—For the watermelon growers who want to grow extremely large Sugar Boy Watermelons for fancy trade, these are the seeds wanted. We have personally selected from a large field the largest Sugar Boys we have ever grown, some of them weighing as much as 62 pounds and none under 40 pounds. These are the very best seeds we have ever cut from Sugar Boys and the man that wants something choice cannot do better than to order these seeds. For a good eating watermelon, the Sugar Boy has no competitor; nothing in the watermelon line is in the same class with it; it stands in a class by itself, and is hailed by all watermelon growers as the monarch of the watermelon fields—the king of kings in the watermelon world. By sugar test no other melon can come within rifle range of it. To market gardeners and home gardeners, we will say you are making the mistake of your life if you fail to grow these watermelons. Remember, you can get the genuine Sugar Boy Watermelon Seeds from Van Buskirk Seed Co., Rocky Ford, Colo., only. Price of the Jumbo Sugar Boy seeds: Big Packet, 15c; oz., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 85c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., \$1.50; 1 lb., \$2.00; 5 lbs., \$8.00.

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**KLECKLY SWEET**—One of our most popular watermelons. It has the sweetness, delicious flavor and fine grain of a perfect melon. Our seeds are cut from large, fat melons, grown under irrigation. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c; lb., 75c; No. 2, 50c.

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**VAN BUSKIRK'S IMPROVED HARD SHELL KLECKLY SWEET**—By carefully selecting the thick, tough rinded melons, we have succeeded in producing a melon that will carry to the markets. The skin is so hard and tough that it will resist the jolts and jars of travel to a remarkable degree, thus arriving on the markets in fine condition. Our seeds are cut from large fat melons grown under irrigation and these are the kind of seeds that will grow. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 35c; lb., \$1.00.

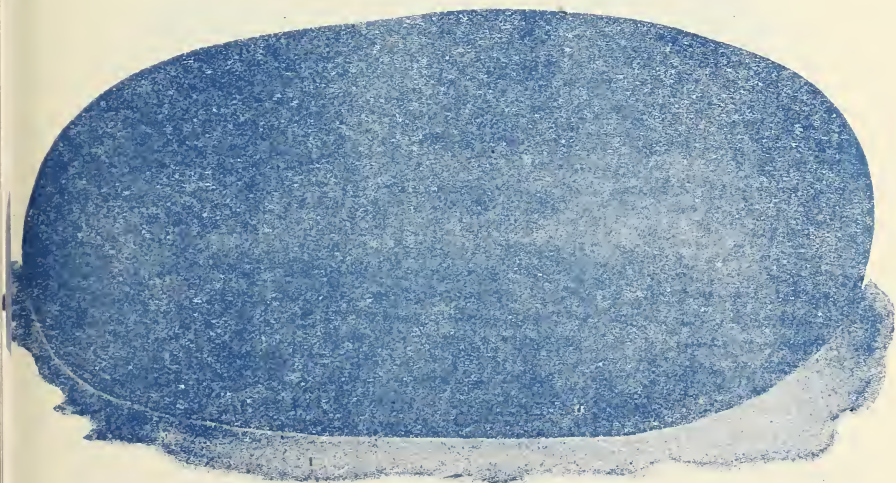
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**HALBERT'S HONEY WATERMELON**—This excellent melon has scarcely any pulp and it very melting; runs from 15 to 30 inches in length, very much resembling the Kleckly Sweet. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 35c; lb., \$1.00.

**MONTE CRISTO WATERMELON**—This melon is almost the exact reproduction of the Kleckly Sweet. It is a very fine melon. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 35c; lb., \$1.00.

**VAN BUSKIRK'S SUGAR BOY WATERMELON**—We are living in an age of advancement and improvement; our country is rapidly moving to the front; our flag floats out on the breeze without fear of an attack from the enemy—so it is with Van Buskirk, with his Sugar Boy Watermelon. Our country is rapidly moving to the front as the greatest power on earth—Van Buskirk Seed Co., sends for the message of their Sugar Boy Watermelon as the sweetest, most delicious and most prolific watermelon on earth. There is no melon that can begin to equal it in quality, richness of flavor, lusciousness, deep, juicy, rich core, fine outward appearance, large, giant size and extreme earliness. We say there is no melon on earth that can approach it in the quality that goes to make a superb melon. We have never seen its equal, and we know a thing or two about watermelons. Van Buskirk's Sugar Boy melon will grow to weigh from twenty to sixty pound, and every one of them, large or small, is sweet, tender, juicy, brittle, stringless, and melting on the tongue. This melon—being a cross of the Halbert's Honey Monte Cristo and Kleckly Sweet—resembles very much the Kleckly in outward appearance. All we ask is a trial order, for once you grow them you are our customer from that time on; and if this melon disappoints you, write us, saying you are disappointed and that this melon is not what we recommended it to be, and we will refund your money. Packet, 15c; oz., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., \$1.00; 1 lb., \$1.50.

The Wonder of the World

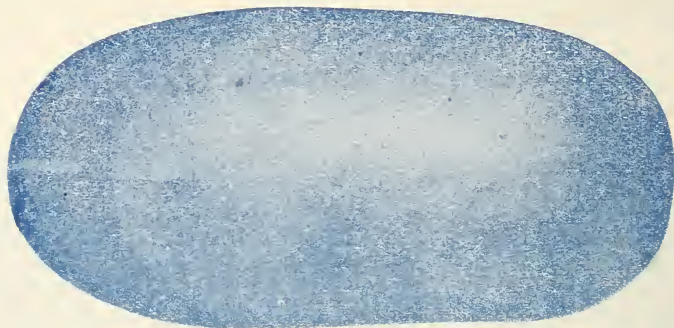


Van Buskirk's Sugar Boy

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**MAMMOTH HARD-SHELL KLECKLY SWEET WATER-MELON SEEDS**—This delicious watermelon was originated in the south, and is celebrated for its flavor; a long oval-shaped melon, with dark-green rind, flesh scarlet, very firm, luscious quality and crisp texture. It is a fine family garden melon and we recommend it for both the north and south. Our seeds are saved from the largest melons of the kind that grow in this country under irrigation, and we all know that under irrigation, in Colorado, the finest watermelons on earth are grown. These seeds were taken from melons weighing from thirty-five to fifty pounds. For several years we have been trying to get a Kleckly Sweet with a hard, tough rind and we frankly tell you we have it in these large melons, out of which came these seeds. We personally select these seeds, and in this way we know that every seed is cut from the choicest grown in this country, therefore, if you want Kleckly Sweet melon seeds, that will grow you an extra large melon with a thick, tough rind, do not hesitate to order these seeds. Do not confound them with ordinary seeds or seeds cut from the field after all the good ones have been shipped, for such is not the case. Time, money, work and patience cannot produce a finer seed than we are offering you here. You may consider the price a little high, but a man cannot afford to grow such melons, cut the seeds from the choice of the land and sell them for less money. Price: Packet, 15c; oz., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 75c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., \$1.25; 1 lb., \$2.00. If you want cheap cull seeds do not bother with these.

#### FIRST OF JULY WATERMELON



First of July Watermelon

Van Buskirk's First of July Watermelon is the first to ripen, the first on the market, and the first to fatten your pocketbook. Market gardeners and home gardener folks cannot afford to miss this extra early watermelon. There has been a great deal of strife among seedsmen for the earliest watermelon, for the reason that the early melon brings home the long green calup seed—in other words the silver dollar. We are proud to say that in our First of July Watermelon, we have the earliest melon ever grown and a good-sized melon, sweet, brittle, stringless and juicy, melting on the tongue like jersey butter,

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one that all growers will be proud of, and a melon that the trade will want. The rich red core makes it a very handsome thing when cut open, and owing to its extra sweetness and being free from lumps and strings, it is bound to be a favorite wherever introduced. Melon growers can depend on this early watermelon. Packet, 10c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 75c; 1 lb., \$1.25.

### VAN BUSKIRK'S CRYSTAL WAX CUCUMBERS



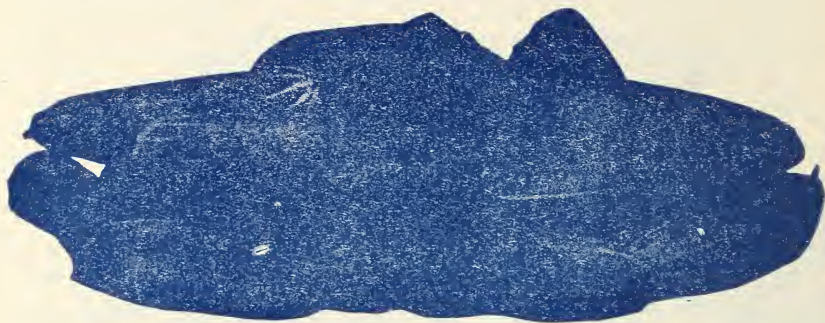
#### Van Buskirk's Crystal Wax

The special points of this cucumber are sparkling whiteness, delicacy of flavor, perfect shape, earliness and scarcity of seeds. We know in Van Buskirk's Crystal Wax Cucumber we have a new cucumber that's worth having, worth growing, that brings joy to the grower and big profits to the planter. It is very shapely, holding its rich green color throughout its entire length, which is very straight and symmetrical. It is one of those rare cucumbers both in shape and quality, one you seldom find, and we are confident if you once grow this cucumber you will never be without it. Price of Van Buskirk's Crystal Wax Cucumber: Packet, 10c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 60c; 1 lb., \$1.00.

**VAN BUSKIRK'S CRYSTAL WAX**—In this cucumber we make the claim that we have in its make-up the finest thing ever grown in the way of a table cucumber in appearance. It's as handsome as the most beautiful hot house cucumber. It has that beautiful dark green color with the small silver threads running through it, making it very attractive in appearance. When fully matured will measure 15 to 21 inches in length and just large enough around to make it desirable for table slicing. Retains its dark green color for weeks after taken from the vines. Fully one-half of this cucumber has no seeds in it, and what seeds there are in it are so small they are almost unnoticeable. For hotels, restaurants, and home table use it has not an equal.

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**VAN BUSKIRK'S IMPROVED NEW KLONDIKE**—The perfection of all the white spine varieties. The result of careful hybridizing and painstaking selection and breeding, has brought out this excellent cucumber. It's a marvel in beauty and for the table it has no superior; very few seeds and will hold its beautiful green color for many weeks after taken from the vine. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c; lb., 60c.



Van Buskirk's Improved New Klondike

**FIRST OF ALL**—This is the earliest cucumber ever grown; can be put on the market ten days earlier than any other cucumber. A White Spine variety, very handsome and an extra good slicer; in fact, one of the table favorites. Oz., 10c; lb., 65c.

**VAN BUSKIRK'S FIRST OF ALL CUCUMBER** is universally acknowledged by seedmen, market gardeners, and private planters to be without a peer—the earliest and finest table variety known to man, either for city garden or acre cultivation. Thousands of growers have tested it, and all with one accord proclaim it the earliest and finest cucumber in existence. We are positive that there is nothing in America in the cucumber line that will so quickly make money for the market gardener, citizen or farmer as Van Buskirk's First of All Cucumber. It is especially adapted for the hot bed or early garden cul-



Van Buskirk's First of All Cucumber

ture, as it sets quickly and produces cucumbers in the shortest possible time. It is a great money-maker for market gardeners, a single hot bed often yielding from \$25.00 to \$500.00 worth, according to your market. Price of Van Buskirk's First of All Cucumber Seed: Big packet, 10c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 40c; 1 lb., 65c;.

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## THE TWO GREATEST CUCUMBERS ON EARTH

We make the assertion that our First of All and Crystal Wax Cucumbers are the two best cucumbers on earth; and you, my friends, in trying these two great sorts, will say they are absolutely the best fine-grained, sparkling, white, delightfully-flavored cucumbers you ever ate.

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**NEW DAVIS PERFECT**—This cucumber resembles the hot house cucumber so closely that dealers cannot tell the difference, it being equally as good for hot house or outdoor culture. It is exceedingly tender, very few seeds and for table slicing cannot be surpassed. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 35c; lb., 65c.

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**VAN BUSKIRK'S PERFECTION WHITE SPINE**—Van Buskirk's Perfection resembles the most beautiful hot house cucumber; in fact, they resemble so closely the cucumber experts cannot tell them from a hot house cucumber, it being equally as good for hot house as outdoor growing. It is the ideal cucumber in shape, rich dark green color, very uniform and regular in size. It is extremely tender and as a slicing cucumber for the table it has no superior. It is almost seedless for one-third of its length, from the stem end, and so very few seeds that are in it when in slicing condition are so very small and tender they are scarcely noticed. Very robust and productive bearing more fruit than any of the White Spine varieties. Oz., 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c; lb., 65c.

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**PEERLESS WHITE SPINE**—A fine strain, very early and handsome. Lb., 65c.

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**EVER GREEN WHITE SPINE**—Retains its deep color in all stages of growth. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 35c; lb., 65c.

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**JERSEY PICKLE**—Very largely known, uniform in size, thin skin, very fine for small pickles. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 35c; lb., 65c.

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**CHICAGO PICKLE**—One of the best for pickles. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 35c; lb., 65c.

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**EARLY FRAME OR SHORT GREEN**—A popular early variety, of medium size and good shape; good for small pickles. Packet, 5c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 35c; lb., 65c.

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**NICHOL'S MEDIUM GREEN**—Color dark green, flesh crisp and tender; medium size; straight and smooth; a real handsome and prolific variety. Packet, 5c; oz., 10c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 40c; lb., 65c.

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**COLORADO IMPROVED LONG GREEN**—The largest and longest long green cucumber ever grown. Irrigation makes it. Dark green, crisp, sweet and productive. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 40c; lb., 75c.

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**EARLY GREEN CLUSTER**—Short and prickly, bearing in clusters, prolific, fine for bottling. Packet, 5c; oz., 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c; lb., 65c.

**IMPROVED LONG GREEN**—Long and crisp, one of the very best for the family garden, also popular and reliable for pickles. Packet, 5c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 40c; lb., 75c.



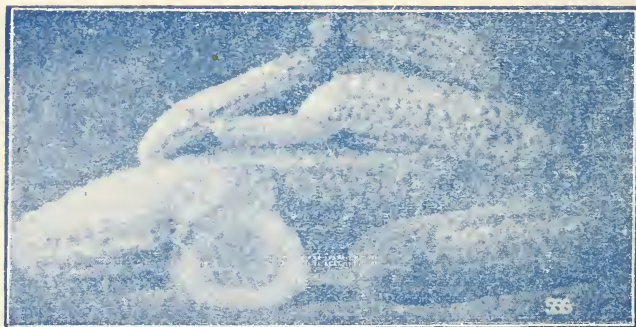
**EXTRA LONG OR EVERGREEN WHITE SPINE**—Averages longer than other strains. Extra fine shape and quality, makes a good pickle, used extensively for growing under glass. Packet, 5c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 40c; lb., 75c.

**COOL AND CRISP**—The beautiful green color is all that can be desired. Excellent for pickling or slicing. Packet, 5c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 35c; lb., 65c.

**WESTERFIELD CHICAGO PICKLING**—Popular with Chicago gardeners. Medium length, slightly pointed at ends, very large, prominent spines, deep green. Packet, 5c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 35c; lb., 65c.

**ARLINGTON IMPROVED WHITE SPINE**—For market use and pickling it is superior to the old White Spine. Our stock is the true Boston strain. Packet, 5c; oz., 10c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 35c; lb., 65c.

**CUMBERLAND**—The new Cumberland combines prolificacy and vigorous growth with beauty and uniformity; is of the hardy White Spine type. The pickles differ from all other hardy sort in being thickly set with fine spines over almost the entire surface. During the whole period of growth, from the time they first set until fully grown, the form is exceptionally straight and symmetrical, thus being as choice for slicing as for pickles. The flesh is firm, very crisp and tender at all stages. Packet, 5c; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 35c; lb., 65c.



Cumberland Cucumbers

**GREEN PROLIFIC OR BOSTON PICKLING**—Of uniform growth, seldom too large for pickling; immensely productive. Packet, 5c; oz., 10c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 35c; lb., 65c.

## WHY ARE SEEDS GROWN UNDER IRRIGATION SUPERIOR TO OTHER SEEDS?

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Reader, did you ever stop to think about the difference between a seed grown under irrigation and one grown under rainfall? To say the least, there surely is a world of difference.

Unless you stop to think about this and give it some study you perhaps will not realize what a vast difference there is. By my calling your attention to a very few things I may possibly start you thinking along this channel, and in this way I will be able to convince you of the vast difference between a seed grown under irrigation and one grown under rainfall. Haven't you many times walked out into your garden and noticed how badly your cucumber vines, your cantaloupe vines and your tomato vines are wanting a drink of water and were telling you they were dry by their leaves curling, and haven't you many a time said to yourself or your wife that you did wish it would rain, for the garden vines were drying up for the want of water? Stop right here and think how many times during the summer season you will find your garden in that condition during the growing season. When these vines are thirsting for a drink what are the results? Are not your vines losing a certain portion of their vitality that they need to mature a healthy, robust tomato, cucumber or cantaloupe? What is the result where the growth and health of the vine has been impaired and retarded for the want of a drink? Stop and think. Doesn't it present itself to you that the fruit must undoubtedly be small, runty and to a certain degree diseased? Now think again. What kind of seeds will you get from such fruit? Will not those seeds be small, faint hearted, lacking in germinating qualities and vitality? Even if the seed should germinate it has not the vitality in the germination to produce a strong, robust, vigorous plant. What are the results? Here they are: a sickly, unhealthy, scrawny, small, dwarfy lot of vines that cannot produce the kind of fruits the people demand, and the result is you go begging for buyers to purchase your tomatoes, cucumbers and cantaloupes, while, on the other hand, if you buy Van Buskirk's seeds, that have been grown under irrigation, where they can drink any time they want to and the vines never suffer for the want of water, you get big, strong, plump, vigorous seeds with vitality enough to produce a vine that will grow large, fat, sweet, juicy, crisp and brittle cantaloupes, cucumbers and tomatoes—the big fat kind that the markets demand; the kind that the commission men want and will pay cash on cars for, and the kind that pays your hired help, pays your grocery bills, buys clothing for the children and enlarges your bank account. Do not forget that Van Buskirk Seed Co., sell the seeds that are grown under irrigation. They are the big, fat, plump kind that produce the strong vitality.

### OUR TERMS ARE CASH WITH ORDER

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Owing to the fact that unscrupulous parties will send their personal checks when their bank account has been closed and the banks return them to us marked account closed or short, we will ask all to send either Bank Drafts, Express Money Orders, or Post Office Money Orders. In this way your seeds will go out the day your order is received. If personal checks are sent, the seeds will not be shipped until your bank has been heard from and the check honored by them.

We do not ship goods C. O. D. unless the order is accompanied with cash enough to pay the express charges both ways and 10 per cent additional to pay for our trouble.

Address all communications to H. Van Buskirk Seed Co., Rocky Ford, Colo., Box 436.

Grain sacks are charged for at cost price.

### IRONCLAD GUARANTEE

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We positively guarantee our seeds to germinate and grow as good as any seeds sold by any person or firm in the United States and will replace the seeds free of charge to any of our customers that fail to get a stand or good germination. All we ask is for you to furnish us affidavits from two of your people, stating the fact that the seeds were properly planted in proper season and that they failed to germinate. Upon receipt of this we will at once ship you, without charge, the same amount of seeds formerly purchased.

## GROWING CANTALOUPE AT ROCKY FORD

In growing cantaloupes at Rocky Ford the ground is plowed to a depth of about six inches, then the harrow is put on and the ground is harrowed both ways. Next a float is put on the field and floated until it is level and smooth as a floor. The float is used to level and pack the ground, so it will allow the water to flow through the furrows and hold its moisture. When planting time comes, which is from May 1 to 10, the ground is gone over again with the harrow, then furrowed and marked out, 5 by 6 and the seeds are put in the ground, allowing about six seeds to the hill. Then water is again turned down the furrows and the ground is worked with a cantaloupe cultivator at least once a week.

When the 'loupes are up and have put on the fourth leaf we thin to two vines in the hill. Then, with the hoe and cultivator, the ground is stirred at least once a week until the vines begin to blossom. The best results are obtained by taking the hoe and working the ground close up around the vines at least three times during the growing season. Stirring the ground close to the vines gives the vines a better chance to deposit the oxygen and nitrogen that it gets from the air in the root of the plant, thus producing a better, stronger and more vigorous plant. The strong, vigorous plant always produces a strong, well-developed, thick-meated, thoroughly-netted cantaloupe of a standard size and of solid, hard, brittle, sweet flesh.

Many have an idea that it is not necessary to stir the soil unless there are weeds to kill. To this class of farmers weeds are a blessing in disguise, but it's a mistaken idea.

When the vines have begun to blossom they must not be disturbed. All the strength of the vines and the little tiny suckers that are put out by the vines are wanted that they may go on and mature the fruit that is setting.

When the vines begin to blossom we find it better not to allow them any water for about seven days, for the reason that watering at this time causes the blossoms to blight, thus causing the first settings of 'loupes to fall off.

One of the worst pests that the cantaloupe grower has to contend with is the cantaloupe louse, and there seems to be only two ways to get rid of it. One is to kerosene the vine, cover it with dry straw and burn it. The other is to spray it with a very strong arsenate of lead. Whatever you do, do not pull the vine up and carry it to the fence and throw it over, for just as sure as you do you will scatter those lice all along your path. Watch your patch closely; look it over every day and just the minute you find a hill that has anything on it resembling the louse, or you can notice that the leaf on the vine has commenced to curl, go for the kerosene can and soak the plant good, cover it with straw and burn it. Don't put it off until tomorrow, for tomorrow will be too late.

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# SUGAR BOY TWINS

Weight 104 1-2 Pounds



**Van Buskirk's Sugar Boy Watermelon**

*Sweetest Watermelon Ever Grown*